the Union Government to opsrate air-taxies on different domestic routes in the country; and

(b) whether any air-taxt routes have been sanctioned so far, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN); (a) and Cb) Air Taxi Operators Certificates have so far been issued to three applicants and also no objection in principle has been given to eighteen ap-iicants under the Air Taxi Scheme. Under the guidelines the air taxi service can be operated to all airports open to Scheduled operations with the permission of the Airport Authority concerned.

**Treatment of AIDS patients**

819. SHRI MENTAY PADMANA-BHAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether is is a fact that AIDS patients are being turned away from Government hospitals;

(b) what steps are being taken to ensure that AIDS cases are better monitored and treated;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted into the reasons for refusal to admit AIDS patients at AIIMS recently; and

(d) what are the details of funds allocated for AIDS control during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD) : (a) to (d) Thirteen institutions have been identified and strengthened for management of HIV infected patients and AIDS cases. The names of these institutions are:-

1. K.G. Medical College, Lucknow.
2. A.J.I.M.S., New Delhi.
3. S.M.S. Medical College, Jaipur.
4. Sher-i-Kashmir Instt. of Medical Sciences, Srinagar.
5. Trivandrum Medical College, Trivandrum.
6. Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad.
7. Calcutta Medical College, . Calcutta.
8. S.C.B. Medical College, Madras.
9. Madras Medical College, Madras.
10. J. J. Medical College, Bombay.
11. J- N. Hospital, Imphal, Manipur.
12. Medical College, Bangalore.
13. Goa Medical College, Goa.

Only full blown AIDS cases require Hospitalisation.

Not all HIV infected persons require indoor treatment. Patients come to OPD with, a wide range of complaints, for which symptomatic treatment is being given.

Fund have already been released te the above thirteen-institutions for purchase of matarial and equipment for AIDS unit.

In addition, Government of India has drawn up Medium Term Flan for prevention of AIDS. In the Medium Term Plan, it has been decided to strengthen the existing facilities f$^{or}$ treatment of AIDS infected patients at in above mentioned Medical Colleges and Hospitals in the country. The expansion of the facilities include:

—Providing clinical care to patients with HIV infection.

—Providing counselling to the patients and their spouses/relatives.

—Providing continuous medical care to the out-patients.

—Collecting date on clinical profile, immunological profile, opportunistic infection and other manifestation *ot* HIV infection.

—Providing training facilities to medical and para-medical personnel in the management of HIV patients.

The policy of admitting AIDS patients was temporarily suspended on 6th February, 1990 following the admission of Zambian Diplomat who was admitted in the private ward of AIIMS.

The discontinuation of AIDS patients admission was done in order to upgrade infection procedures by establishing AIDS facility at the AIIMS and to employ staff exclusively for the intensive treatment of AIDS patient.

**Presentation of reports of BICp before Parliament**

820. SHRI NARESH [c]- PUGLIA:
SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Industrial Costs and prices had prepared the Re ports on cost of production of Soda ash, sulphuric acid, Thermoplastic, Benzene and Portland cement';

(b) if so, What are the years for which such reports have been prepared;

(o) whether Government propose *to* lay these reports before Parliament; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and b) Tha information is furnished below:—

| Name of Item | Year of preparation of report on cost of pra^ '.vction |
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| 1. Soda ash . | 1982 . J |
| 2. Sulphuric acid | No report has been prepared so far. |
| 3. Thermoplastic | 1977 \ |
| | 1981 |
| 4. Benzene | 1986 |
| | 1979 |
| | 1988 |
| 5. Portland Cement | 1981 |
| | 1987 |